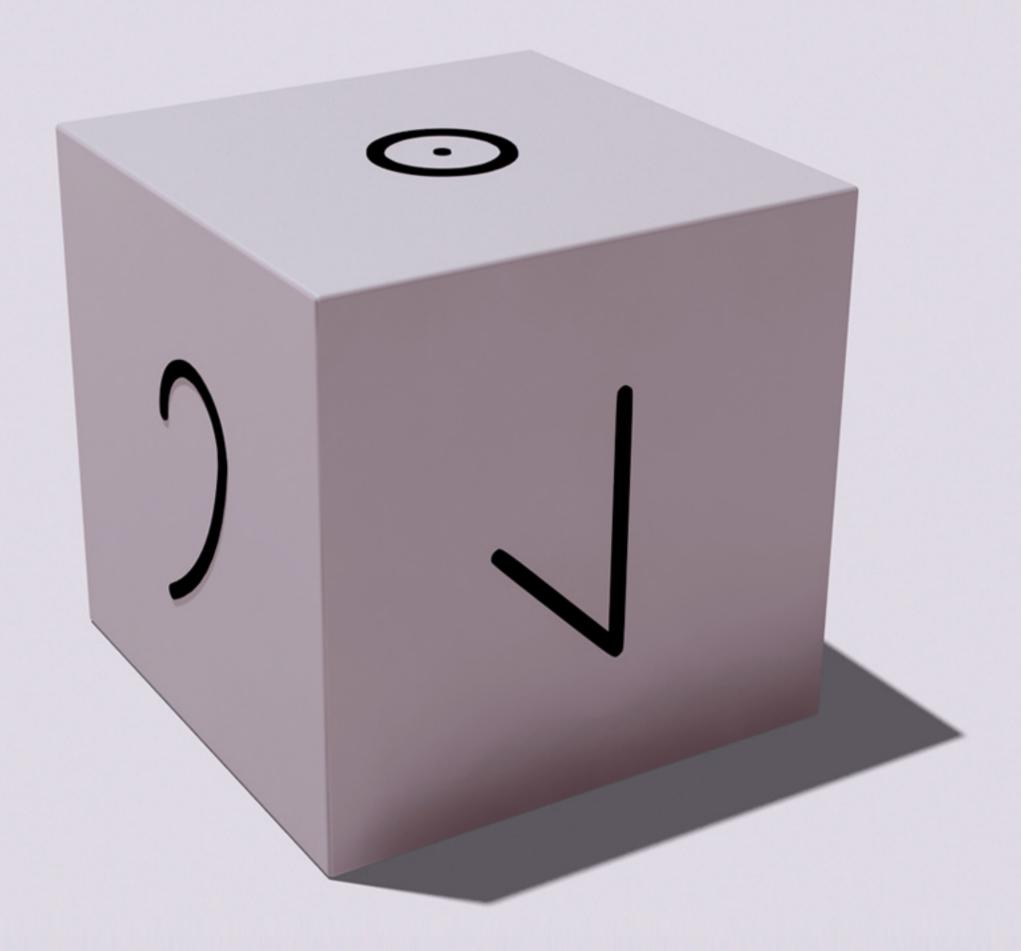
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We can imagine a simple man, somewhere in the letter come tion HOUSE would mean something to and has learned a bit of reading. The letter come tion HOUSE would mean something to him, but the combinations MANSION, MANOR, COTTAGE, Bi GALOW may mean nothing to him and he wouldn't even know how to pronounce it correctly. But so would a Frenchman or a Spaniard fail to pronounce it correctly, least to get the meaning, although they all use the Latin alphabet, composed of 26 letters.

Now let us compose other letters, "line letters" of a better geometrical ideography.



And with these "line letters" we could now write letter combinations, such as for instance



The meaning of this geometrical "word" may be guessed. It may mean a HOUSE, BUILDING, MANSION, COTTAGE, BUNGALOW or in French MAISON, or CASA or any other word in other langua-

ges conveying generally the same meaning.

And we can use the above 11 "line letters" to write down thousands of other "words." So, if critics point to the simplicity of the 26 letters of the Latin alphabet, we may point to the simplicity of the 11 letters of our geometrical "alphabet. We know now, that comparison leads nowhere, because both writings have different advantages. Alphabetical writing is used all over the world, and it will be used in ever increasing editions of books and newspapers. Besides the alphabetical letters, we have already a series of ideographic letters such as 1 2 3 4 5 etc. and now we may add - as an auxiliary tool only - a few other symbols and symbol elements for two purposes:

(1) to write international reports in science, industry, commerce, etc. whenever we need to bridge the language barrier, especially in countries with a multi-lingual population.

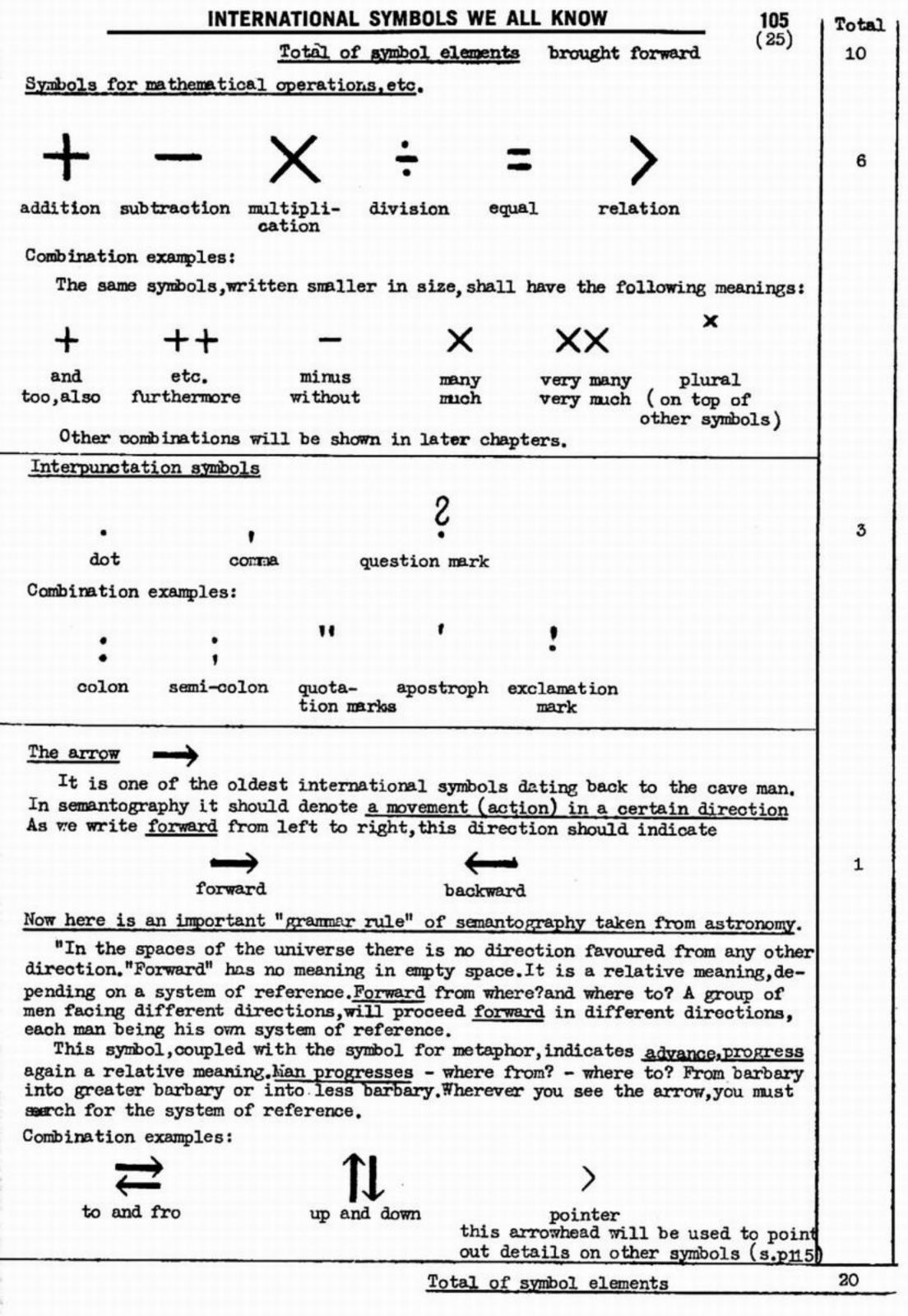
(2) to recognize words with relative and vague meanings.

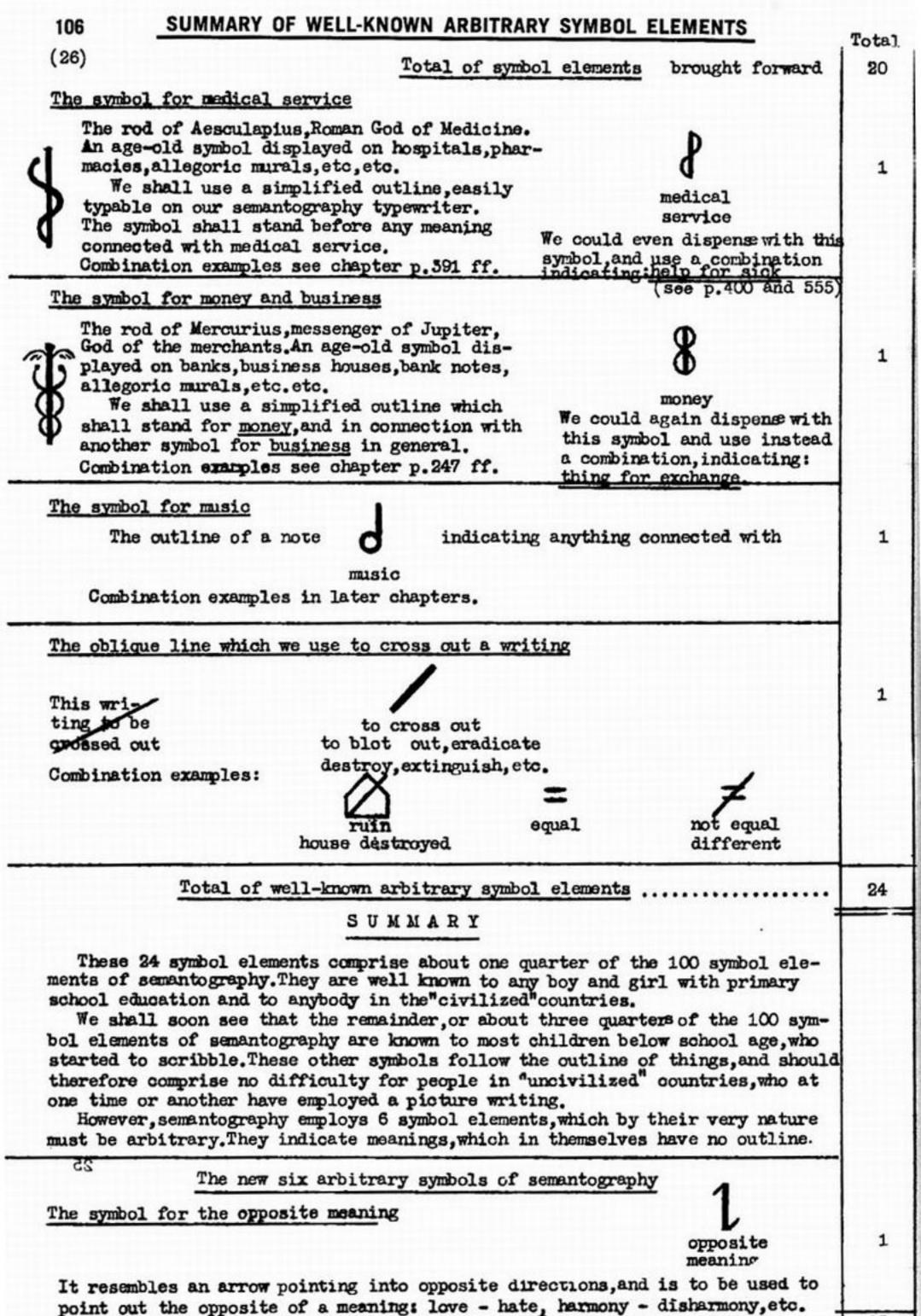
This only is the purpose of semantography, and with this in mind we shall now study the list of the 100 symbol elements, and how they are used. In the column on the right side we shall put in the number of symbol elements and we shall then add up the total.

The first elements are symbols which are already in use in most parts of the world. Every boy and girl who went through primary school will recognize them. The mathematical numbers 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 These well known symbols form the first 10 elements of semantography. Now we know that we may combine these symbols in different ways to get different meanings. Combination examples: | 2 3 is different from 32 | in meaning. 22 is different from 2 in meaning From these combination examples we learn that different position of the symbol elements, and sometimes different size of the same element will in-

dicate different meanings. We shall use our symbol elements in different po-

and now we shall add up the total of symbol elements we have learned





25

Total of symbol elements

107 (27)

Total

Total of symbol elements brought forward

25

The symbol for the chemical THING

chemical THING

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It follows the outline of the most symmetrical, beautiful form of a crystal, formed at a time, when the hardening earth crust was in utter chaos.

An important "grammar rule" of semantography, taken from chemistry.

We abandon the notion of the "noun" in general. Instead, we introduce in these particular cases the notion of the chemical THING. Our universe consists of chemical bodies. The words <u>earth</u>, stone, horse, flower, man, baby and even <u>I</u>, you, who, whom, etc. indicate a chemical THING.

The symbol for the physical ACTION

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physical ACTION

It indicates in its outline one of the most primeval ACTIONS on earth, the forming of volcano cones and the thrusting up of mountains. However, it may - for purposes of mnemonics - indicate the capital letter A in the Latin word Actus, a doing, an Action.

Another important "grammar rule" of semantography, taken from physics.

The chemical THINGS in our universe perform ACTIONS. In conventional grammar, all words pertaining to ACTIONS fall in the class of verbs and verb forms. The above symbol element will be used to indicate ACTIONS.

Combination examples will be shown in later chapters. Here we shall see how our symbols for the chemical THING and the physical ACTION, when used on top of other symbols, serve as indicators.



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The symbol for TIME

As the meaning of time has no outline available for its indication, we use an arbitrary symbol: the outline of two parabolical mirrors, the one turned backwards to mirror the past, the other turned forward to focus the <u>future</u>. In between past and future is the <u>present</u>, a fleeting glance, a moment.

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past

present

future

These combinations in a smaller size, shall indicate the particles

then ago)(

then hence

Another grammar rule of semantography, taken from physics.

In every ACTION, which we observe, time is involved. Every ACTION occurs during a certain time. Consequently we should add these symbols to every ACTION indicator, which we put on top of a symbol) to indicate past, present and future.

Total of symbol elements so far

28

28

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Total of symbol elements brought forward

However it would be unnecessary to have two indicators on top of a symbol to indicate the ACTION. One indicator, for instance for the past, will be sufficient to indicate an ACTION in the past. However, we can also indicate active and passi



Semantography is intended for practical purposes, short reports, etc. It is not intended for fiction or poetry. Consequently the three time phases are sufficient to cover the perfect, imperfect, pluperfect, second future, and a host of other obsolete tenses in other languages.

The symbol for human EVALUATION

Apart from the words indicating chemical THINGS and physical ACTIONS, we have a third group of words, which indicate human EVALUATIONS. They usually indicate meanings, which we don't find in nature, but only in our heads. Words belonging to this group are for instance beautiful, ugly, good, bad, imperialistic, etc.

As these EVALUATIONS vary from one individual to the other, we shall indicate their lability by the following symbol



human EVALUATION

The symbol shows the outline, standing on its top, indicating a very labile position. The cone may instantly topple over, when pushed, and it takes a lot of balancing to keep it in this precarious position. Just as with many EVALUATIONS of ours, which we hold, and which often topple over, when challenged.

We shall see later on, how this symbol is put to work Latin V-alere = Value

The symbol for Creation

This symbol is wholly arbitrary, and we may say, that man shall ever use only an arbitrary symbol for this meaning. He can grasp this universe with his mind, and the limitations of his mind. will limit his grasp of this meaning. He has given a variety of symbols to this meaning. They are alphabetical symbol combinations. In the English language they are Universe, Nature, Creation, Creator, God, and many others. For our geometrical writing we shall take a symbol which has been displayed on churches and temples for thousands of years.



Nature, Creation

We can vary this symbol, making it smaller, to indicate a smaller meaning, double and heighten it to indicate a heightened meaning and so forth. Here are some examples.







Creation

man-made

supra-natural

If we assume that the first large triangle should stand for what we perceive with our imperfect senses of Nature, then the second, heightened triangle should stand for what we usually cannot perceive with our imperfected senses.

Total of symbol elements so far

Total of symbol elements brought for ward

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Take for instance, those mysterious radio waves, which penetrate walls and surge around and through us. For me they are supra-natural, although I have given hundreds of lectures about them, and I worked even as an engineer, manufacturing radio tubes, highfrequency parts, condensors, etc. What are they? Waves, corpuscles, or a manifestation of our curved space-time continuum? We don't know, and ultimate tely, we may never know. And what is thought, creative imagination?

We need a sensitive medium to become conscious of all this, an apparatus which reacts with those waves coming through space, or a human being, a poet, philosopher founder of a religion, to tell us of things, of which we are not aware. Listen to

Julian Huxley, in "UNESCO, its Purpose and its Philosophy"(66):

"Unesco...should pay special attention to seeing that borderline fields, especially those negelected by orthodox or organised science, are properly explored. As one example, we may take what is now generally called parapsychology the study of the umusual and at the moment scientifically inexpicable properties of the mind, such as extrasensory perception of various kind. The painstaking of one or two recent workers in this unpopular field seem to have established the reality of some degree not only of extra-sensory knowledge, but of pre-cognition. It is urgent that these phenomena should be thoroughly investigated so that a new and more comprehensive scientific framework of knowledge may be erected."

You are free to use the symbol for Nature or the symbol for the Supra-Natural as you think fit. You are free to employ the sound symbol Nature, or Creation, or Creator, or God, or Purposive Force in the Universe, as you think fit. But don't lose sight of the fact, that all these symbols are arbitrary, indicating something of which the physiologist Du Bois-Reymond said: "Ignoramus, Ignorabimus". We don't know. We shall not know.

SUMMARY

We have so far listed:

Total

Arbitrary symbols, well known, and already used internationally 24 Arbitrary symbols of semantography, newly introduced.....

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Total of symbol elements.....

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From now on, we have a much lighter task, because the coming symbols are not arbitrary, in so far, as their outline follow the outline of the real things in a simplified manner. Somehow they resemble those symbolic drawings, which children make, when they draw the outline of the real things in a simplified manner.

However, there is one symbol which we must tackle, standing for something mysterious, the human mind; this symbol should indicate those marvellous conglomerations of brain cells, which enables man not only to contemplate Nature, Creation, but also to be a Creator himself, to create apparatuses and chemicals, which have not existed on earth, and which may be very rare in the universe, and to penetrate the universe, weigh the stars and take their temperature; the human mind.

The symbol for the human mind

Here at least, we can draw the outline of the encasing of this wonderful and fearful thing, the outline of the upper skull, seat of the brain.



mind, brain

In the previous "grammar rules" of semantography, we have employed our modern knowledge in chemistry, physics, astronomy, etc. In dealing with the symbol for the human mind, we shall employ other "grammar rules" based on our modern knowledge in psychology and biology.

Total of symbol elements so far

(30)

Total of symbol elements brought forward

An important "grammar rule" of semantography, taken from psychology.

Philosophers of old and with them, bygone generations have divided the mind (seat of the "soul") into 3"partitions, interwoven and without clear boundaries.

(1) seat of the emotions, feelings, passions, impulses, instincts, etc.

(2) seat of rational thought, reason, etc.

(5) seat of conscience

The third partition "conscience" was accorded the highest place. It is bound up with the meaning of "good" and "evil", "ethics, "morality" and God.

However we have seen all too often the clinical picture of various minds, who have committed the greatest crimes with a "clear conscience" and who even cried that God is on their side. This therefore is a matter for the medical man, and we should better employ medical terms in a world, were the minds seem to be perverted. Sigmund Freud, the father of modern psychology, has termed the 5 partitions: Id, Ego, and Super-Ego. The complete symbol picture of the whole mind is

Super-Ego conscience

Ego reason, rational thought, etc.

Id emotions, passions, impulses, instincts,

The symbols of semantography are written between two lines. Consequently we shall write our symbols for the three partitions of the human mind in three different places, distinguished by different hights.

bottom writing line emotion reason conscience

Id Ego Super-Ego

In choosing these medical terms, Freud has clearly demonstrated our complete ignorance on "brain matters". The term Id is the Latin word for It. We do not live our lives. It lives us. We are lived by unknown and uncontrollable forces. The meaning of the Super-Ego will become clearer by the ultimate symbol we shall allot it.

Another "grammar rule" of semantography taken from psychology.

We shall devise simple symbols for the prevalent meanings: Unconscious, Subconscious, Preconscious, and Conscious. Unfortunately, the first two meanings are often mixed up. We shall therefore use the meaning of Unconscious for the state, when being asleep or having fainted. Subconscious shall indicate the waking state, when we are "unconscious" of what is going on in the depth of our soul. Preconscious should indicate the emerging intermediate state between the Subconscious and the Conscious.

We shall anticipate an important symbol element from a later page



and use it to symbolize the discussed meanings. Modern psychology endeavours that we shall become conscious of our emotions, as well as of our reasoning.











Unconscious asleep, fainted

Subconscious awake Preconscious (opening up)

Conscious of emotions

Conscious of reason

Now, we shall not loose sight of the fact, that these symbols represent very unsatisfactory "crutches" to help our imagination in regard of the "unknown and uncontrollable forces" which live us. Different schools of modern psychology

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have chosen different word symbols, which however are just as unsatisfactory as the geometrical symbols. You have to be a chemist to realize that we know next to nothing about the physico-chemical interactions which take place within the brain cells.

Nevertheless, a start has been made, and surgeons operate today on the notions of Freud. Hopelessly sick persons, ravaged by an overbearing conscience, which torments them day and night(although they have not committed any major"sin") are restored to health and sanity by a brain operation. Soon the medical men will operate on people, who have not enough of conscience, killers and mass-killers.

The foregoing symbols can be used for strictly medical terms in psychology. For ordinary talk we shall revert to simpler symbols. Instead of the shown symbol for emotion, we shall employ an age-old symbol, drawn by the cave man and still employed in any language on earth - the heart. The "heartfelt"desire, from the bottom of our "heart" and other phrases indicate the age-old belief that the heart is part of the soul. This symbol we shall use for "small talk" only.

Here are the three simple symbols for ordinary writing.







passion, impulse,

reason, rational thought conscience Super-Ego

The simple symbol for conscience shows us another mind, superimposed on the reasoning mind. Freud interpreted this as the mind of the father. Jung, the early collaborator of Freud, ,interpreted it as the mind of God. Both interpretations are valid. Just as Freud, also Jung points out all these words like "instinct" and "spirit" are "terms, that we allow to stand for powerful forces, whose nature we don't know."

The few paragraphs above, are only an oversimplified abridgement of a group of chapters in the book, and this group of chapters again is an oversimplified abridgement of these most difficult problems. However, for a simple symbol writing, we need some simplified symbols, and the book may convince the readers, that the chosen symbols are practical - they ærve their purpose.

Here are a few simple combinations. First the heart symbol, for "friendly" feelings and expressions.







feeling of doubt uplifting joy downheartedness

These meanings find their literal translation in many languages. And herebelow are a few other combination symbols as examples for "higher" meanings.









Nature Creation man-made

science, philosophy mind contemplating nature abt. man-made thi

designing, planning

These few symbols show that we can symbolize any meaning in this realm with simple outlines. The book gives many more examples of this kind.

Another important grammar rule of semantography, taken from physiology.

The brain is that part of the human body, in which our thoughts originate. Besides this function, the brain co-ordinates all our other senses . These senses are operated by different organs, the "eye, the "ear", the "nose", etc. etc. We need only a few symbols to cover most meanings in any language, referring to senseactions and reactions. These symbols are, besides the mind symbol, the most important symbols of semantography. These symbols are easy to draw, and we will follow the outline, which children draw in their scribbling. Our typewriter will enable us to type these symbols in less time and with lesser effort than we need today to type the ordinary words on an ordinary typewriter.

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The symbols for male and female human being

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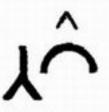
male female human human These symbols are self-explanatory. We shall learn later on, that the outline represents more than indicated at first sight(man = outstretched legs; woman = skirt). It should be understood, that these symbols do not represent a grown-up man or woman, but only a male or female of the human species, no matter what age, and without any other evaluation (good or bad, healthy or strong, or weak or sick). The symbols indicate nothing more than a male or female biped As the female symbol is a derivation from the male symbol we count:

And now we shall form our first sentence and from this a compound symbol





thinks



thinker

Now we come to the most important "grammar rule" of semantography taken from biology.

Not two human beings are alike. With regard to twins, the common form is the binovular kind or two-egg twins, fertilized at the same time, by two different sperms. These twins have therefore different arrangement of chromosomes and genes, and are therefore different human beings. However, there is the rare case of the uniovular or one-egg twin. One fertilized egg, separates in two identical twins, who ... show even the same fingerprints, and are identical in heredity.

Then comes environment. If one of the twins is beaten up by the boys gang from the next street, it may change his outlook on life completely, and may make him a different human being alltogether.

As Julian Huxley put it: Biological difference is, for all practical purposes universal."

And this brings us back to the most important grammar rule of semantography. No two human beings are alike. Consequently, not two human beings think alike, see alike, hear alike, feel alike.







John is different from Jack

John will think differently, feel differently and act differently from Jack.

The biologists go even further. They tell us, that our body changes constantly. The cells of our body including the cells of our brain are in incessant action and change. And we can write this down in a formula





John now is different from John yesterday (past)

John today may be a quite different man from what he was yesterday. Over night he may have changed his mind literally and biologically.

The mind therefore is the GHEAT VARIABLE in the world of ours. The two billion human beings on this planet have two billion different minds, which are not only different from each other, but change in themselves. They will think, feel, and act differently to-morrow. The mind of man is the great X in our calculations.

We shall see, that we can apply the mind symbol like a variable in the calculus of function, and thus bring into semantography a similar reasoning (in some sort of way) as Bertrand Russel/in his propositional function. Somehow, the symbol of semantography can work like in mathematical formulae, a first practical realization of Leibnitz dream of a universal symbolism, an alphabet of human thought. Semantography may be used on the practical level in a similar way, as logicians use their symbols in mathematical logic on a much higher level: to make us under stand the working of the human mind in his utterances - language.

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Semantography is a far cry from the books on symbolic and mathematical logic, just as the simple mathematics which the grocer and housewife employs, is a far cry from the books on the "Foundations of Mathematics". However, if we want that this world of ours shall not go to pieces by "propaganda" we must invent a simple mathematics for the thinking of the simple man. Semantography makes no higher claim than being a practical tool for practical purposes.

To indicate this variability of the human mind, whose evaluations are different in different minds, and different in the same mind today than to-morrow, we shall combine the symbol for mind with the symbol for human EVALUATION, shown on page 28.

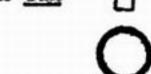


HUMAN EVALUATION

The mind symbol does indicate thought, but -as the brain is the center for the other senses - it indicates also their activities, speech, hearing, vision, smell, touch, feeling, etc. etc.

Wherever you see a symbol or symbol compound carrying the mind symbol or the few other sense symbols you should know that the meaning of this symbolized word may differ with different individuals, and that even the same individual may attach a different meaning to it to-morrow or the day after to-morrow.

The symbol for EVALUATION (alone, without the mind symbol) and put on top of other symbols, shall serve as indicator. The foremost group of words pointed out in this way will be the adjectives, herebelow is an example with the symbol for the sun







sun the THING to sun the ACTION (verb)

EVALUATION (adjective)
(adverb)

This is a simple example, but it can serve to show, that "sunny" can be used as an abstraction which we make in our head, about the qualities of the THING sun. We never say a "sunny sun" or a "piggish pig". The abstraction-evaluation is done in our heads, when we attach qualities of one thing to another. The saying "A sunny person" may be quite harmless, although other people may quite differ in their EVALUATION of that person. But when we say "A piggish person", we are looking for trouble. It will be shown, that many adjectives and many words, denoting directly a chemical THING or a physical ACTION but carrying EVALUATION attached to it, can cause this trouble - in certain circumstances and contexts. The meaning of such words is usually vague or relative, and will therefore differ with different individuals. To remove their vagueness, we must clearly state the system of reference, and add further explanations as to THINGS and ACTIONS.

The foregoing pages represent a short outline of the "grammar" of semantogra-

phy, intended for those readers, who have no time to read the book.

From now on, it will be childs play, because we shall draw simple symbols, like those children draw. It may be fitting to add up our symbol elements.

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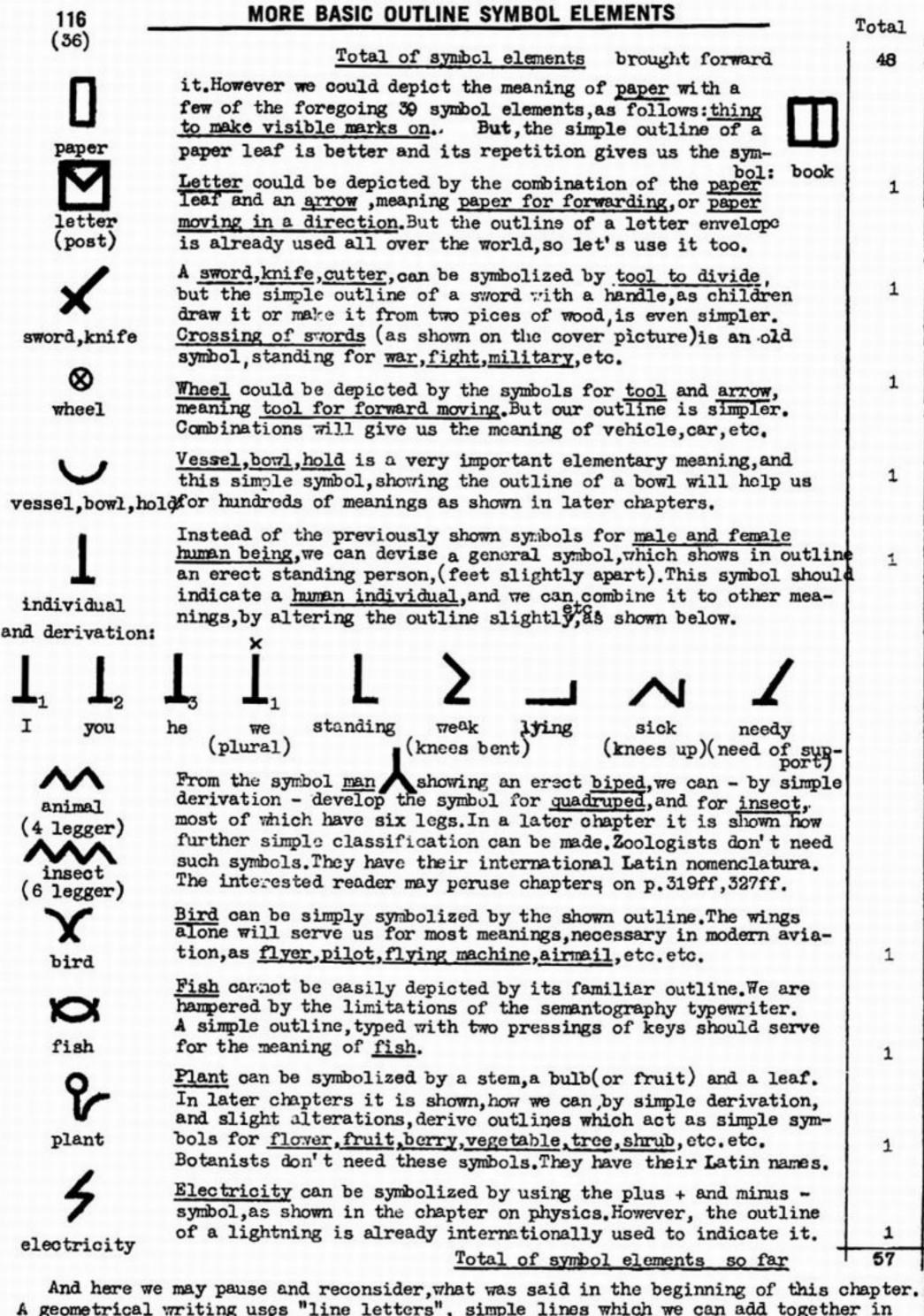
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Outline symbols of semantography, newly introduced..... 8

Total of symbol elements so far

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We are still far off our 100 symbol elements, and a counting of the symbols for the most used words, would show that these 39 symbol elements in variations and derivations, cover a large proportion of our vocabulary.



And here we may pause and reconsider, what was said in the beginning of this chapter. A geometrical writing uses "line letters", simple lines which we can add together in different positions to get different meanings. In a similar way we put the phonetic letters of the alphabet together, to form thousands of different meanings. However, the phonetic compounds do not indicate the real thing in nature, whereas an outline does. For this

reason, a geometrical outline compound can serve as symbol for any language, whereas, the phonetic letter compound for any word is different in different languages. If we say, that the 26 letters of the alphabet can be used to put together thousands of compounds, we could equally say, that the 11 "line letters" shown on page 24, can be used to put together thousands of compounds, which indicate truer and better the meanings. The foregoing 19 symbols showing a dial, a house, the sun, moon, star, a letter, a knife, a wheel, etc. etcare nothing else than compounds of the 11 "line letters". But why 11? If you look them over

you will find that ten resolve in a short line, put in different position, or curved. Could we say that most symbols of semantography (with the exception of the 6 arbitrary symbols and the 24, already internationally used, symbols) are simple outline compounds written with the line letter put in different position? Yes we can, because semantography is a geometrical writing, and we have learned already in school to write with the line letter, and compose different meanings as for instance: cylinder cube rectangle parallelogram square parallel vertical All these meanings are composed with one "line letter" put in different positions, and what we did in school, we shall do also in semantography to write down the above meanings. And this reasoning can be extended. We use the "line letter" and the dot to compose the following meanings: before, in front behind, after out below, under above, over In the first words we have used 2 letters (dot and line). In the words for in and out we have again used the letters (line and dot) in different numbers and positions. Actually we use the "line letter" 4 times, when writing "enclosed" and omit 1 letter for "open" omitting 1"line letter" we get enclosed (written with 3 "line letters) (written with 4 "line letters")

and we may formulate this "legitimate" reasoning as follows:

When we use lines in different positions to draw the outline of things in a simplified, schematized way we may consider this "line-joining" a similar procedure as the "A B C . joining", but a more advantageous one, because "independent" of any language and often almost self-explanatory.

We may even take the word "line-joining" literally in so far as we act like a joiner a carpenter. He too takes straight line elements, the wooden boards and joins them together by putting them in different positions. We too can establish such a "line joinery"

table bed chair chest of wardrobe shelf window easy chair drawers

We have made similar operations as those of a joiner, and children do something similar. Of course we can agree that these are different symbols, just as the English words table, chair bed are different symbols which indicate certain things. But in regard of the symbol elements we must apply similar reasoning in both cases; 26 letters of the alphabet for phonetic writing against 1 or at/most 11 line letters for a geometrical outline writing. To these come the 24 arbitrary international symbols and the 6 arbitrary symbols of semantography.

star

sun

earth

planet

earth

line

sky

water

fire

opposite cross out money medicine chemistry electdirection Mercur- Aesculap- meaning (note) (retort) ricity rod rod knife compasses(p.o) scales

Now we have 25 symbol elements and these 45 outline symbols, which leave us still 30 symbols. The reader may peruse the nearly 600 pages of the three books on semantography and he will find that most meanings are symbolized by the above 70 symbols, and their geometrical derivations and combinations.

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C.K.Ogden has composed his 850 words of Basic English. In his Basic English Dictionary (Evans Brothers, London) you will find 40,000 meanings of over 20,000 words all composed with the 850 basic words. You can express almost any meaning with these 850 words, sometimes of course with some circumscription. For practical purposes, Ogden offers 50 to 150 special words in addition for each "trade", geology, astronomy, medicine, economics, etc. Although these words can be defined by the 850 words, their additional use facilitates communication,

We shall act in the same way. For special purposes in each "trade" we can compose some auxiliary outline symbols and a few examples are shown below. However, - and you will find the proof in the book - each auxiliary symbol can be expressed by the above 70 symbols, Nevertheless, the auxiliary outline symbol is practical and almost self - explanatory.

SYMBOLS OUTLINE AUXILIARY EXAMPLES OF PURPOSES PRACTICAL

For Postal Service (see p.121 ff)

SPECIAL

vessel

postcard letter parcel

double bent

toll bar

customs

For Highway Signs (see p. 357 ff)

bridge road under repair (interrupted) (hammer symbol)

For Passport Service (p. 342 ff)

tram

elec. train

steam

train

FOR



For Transport Service (p.224 ff)



States



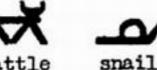


For Farmer Service (p.108,327 ff)

seed





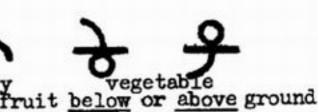




For an International Menu Card (p. 319 ff)

fruit





For Shipping Service (p. 236 ff)

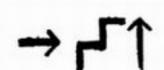
For practical Chemistry in Home or Shop (p. 368)

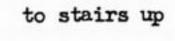
steamer



life boat















thermometer manometer temperature pressure process

But again, I wish to stress - and I have proved it in my book - that: EVERY AUXILIARY OUTLINE SYMBOL CAN BE WRITTEN WITH THE 70 SYMBOL ELEMENTS SHOWN ABOVE AND SOME OF THESE 70 SYMBOLS CAN BE REDUCED TO MORE ELEMENTARY SYMBOLS.

A SUMMARY LIST OF THE MAIN BASIC SYMBOL ELEMENTS

and some of their derivations and combinations and

a warning to the reader

The following 19 pages have been prepared after the publication of the 3 books on semantography, mainly to serve those students who wanted a summary list AFTER they had studied the many lengthy chapters, explaining in detail the graphics, logic, and semantics of the symbols.

A certain danger is involved in looking through this summary list BEFORE studying the chapters. Many people think that pictorial symbols could be understood "right away" without explanation, because pictures are "self-explanatory". But many pictures are not

"self-explanatory."

These symbols consist of few schematized lines which indicate faintly the outline of things. Their meaning has to be explained.

Take the well-known pictorial symbol of the arrow — It is meaningless to those who never saw an arrow, and to those who are not told that it does not picture an arrow, but means a direction sign only.

in semantography and in science the arrow means more than a direction sign. It means an active force, and a directed movement. Consequently the arrow appears in many semantographic symbol combinations, even

in those which "picture" a democracy and a demagogy.

Every democrat and demagog represents a driving force, and a directed movement. They both think, and make us believe, that they are leading us onward ______ forward _____ forward _____ mand toward _____ progress _____ (whatever these words may mean).

How then can we tell truth from untruth? How can we distinguish between true democratic progress, and its opposite falsehood?

By applying the simple semantic rule of semantography for the arrow symbol, every time we hear or read a word in the papers, a word which contains the arrow symbol in semantography. This rule must be learned.

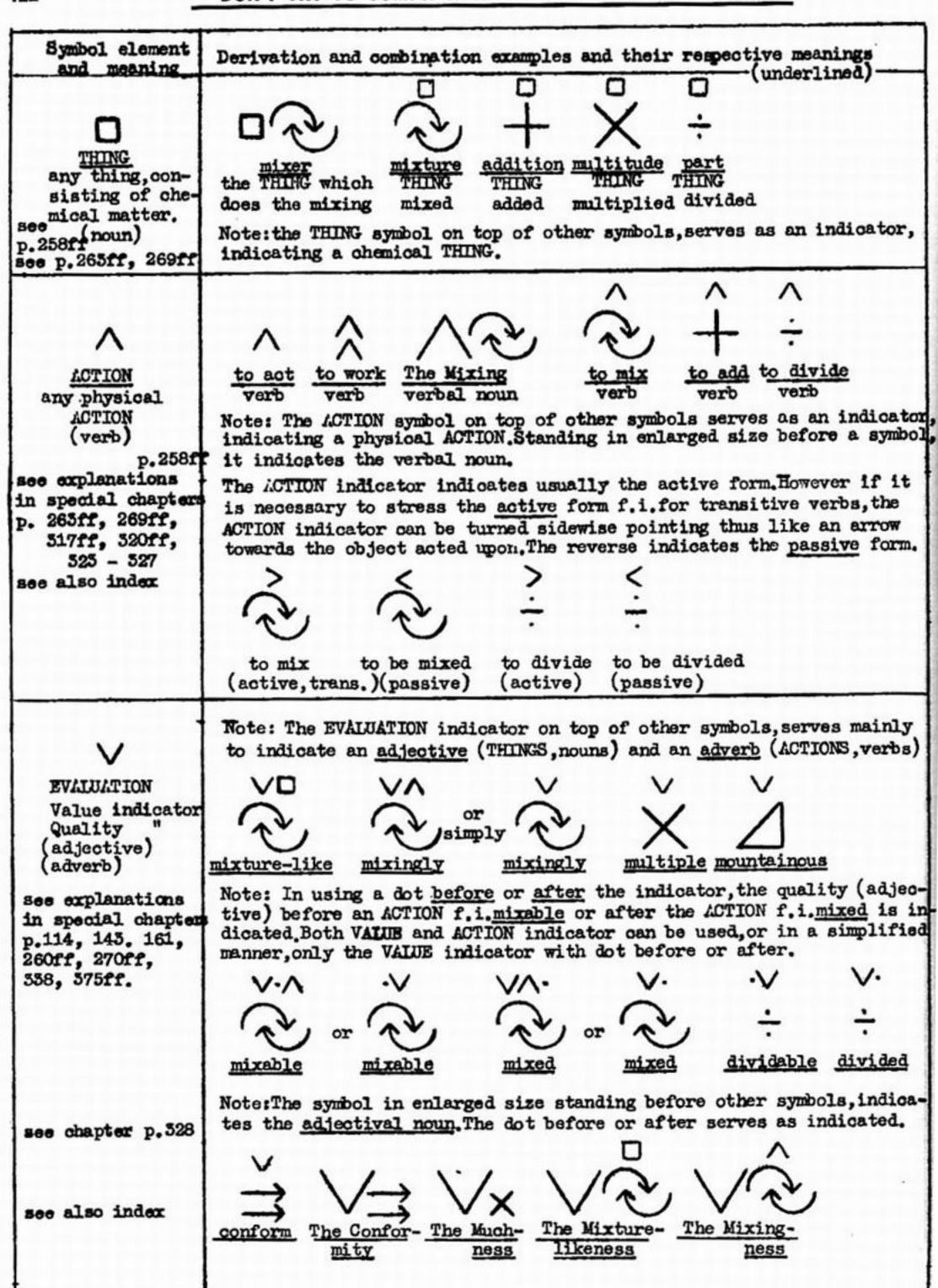
SO DON'T BE DISCOURAGED DEAR READER, IF YOU DON'T GRASP THESE SYMBOLS "RIGHT AWAY" AND WITHOUT AN EXPLANATION. You have learned the symbols 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 and now they appear to you "self-explanatory". But they did cost you a lot of learning.

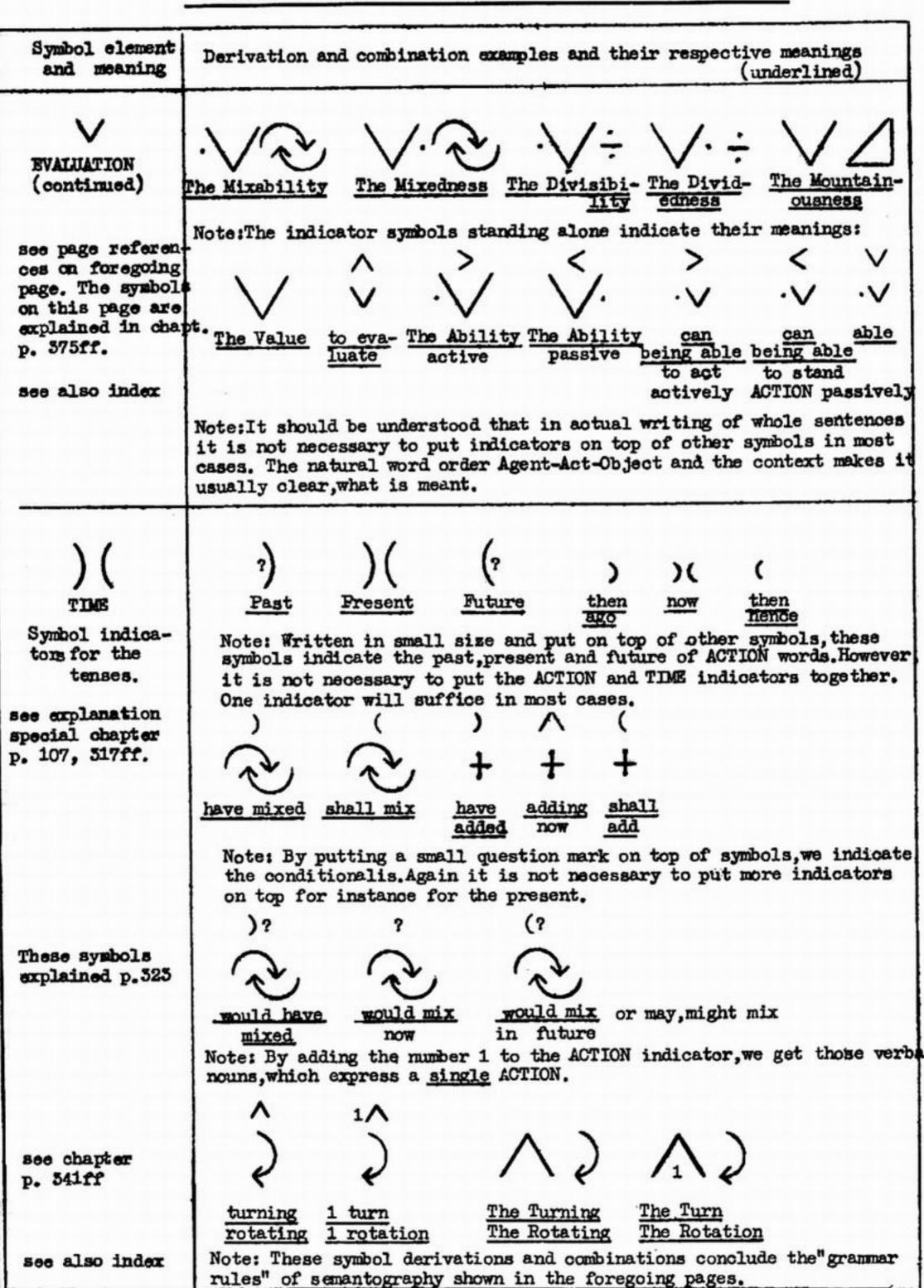
Everything in life, which can help us, needs some learning. Only then does it be-

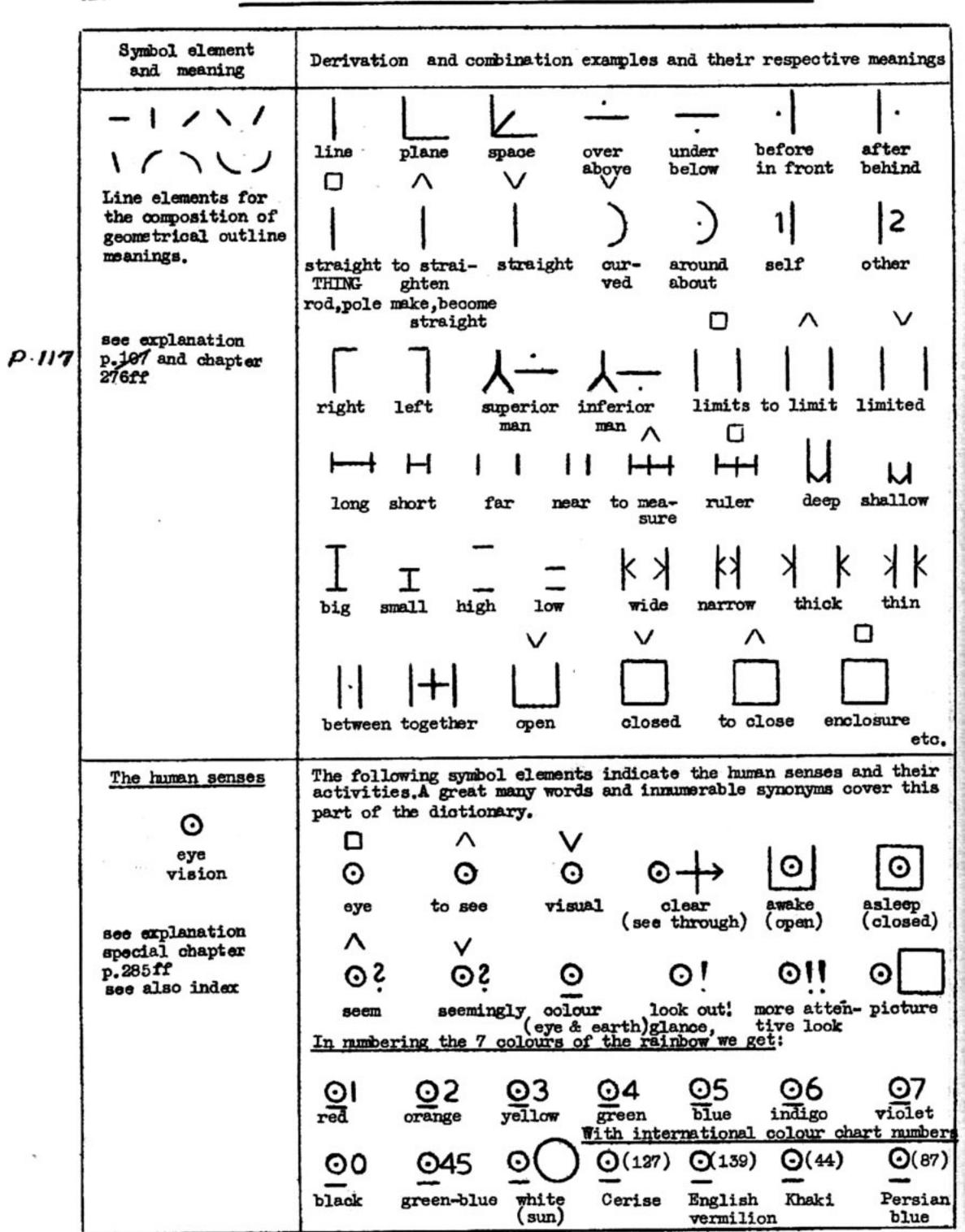
come familiar and useful.

Symbol element and meaning	Derivation and combination examples and their respective meanings (underlined)
+	+ ++ + +!
addition (known) see p.107.108.230	and, etc. with belongs to yes too, also, further- (high up) (written low)
subtraction	
(known) see p. 291, 508,-	without no.not loss.waste (in comb.with other symb.)
multiplication (known) see p.245-246	yery much group meaning grote forest when on top; many very many added to other many very many of other symb.)
division (known)	part meaning branch pages listed in the index see example:

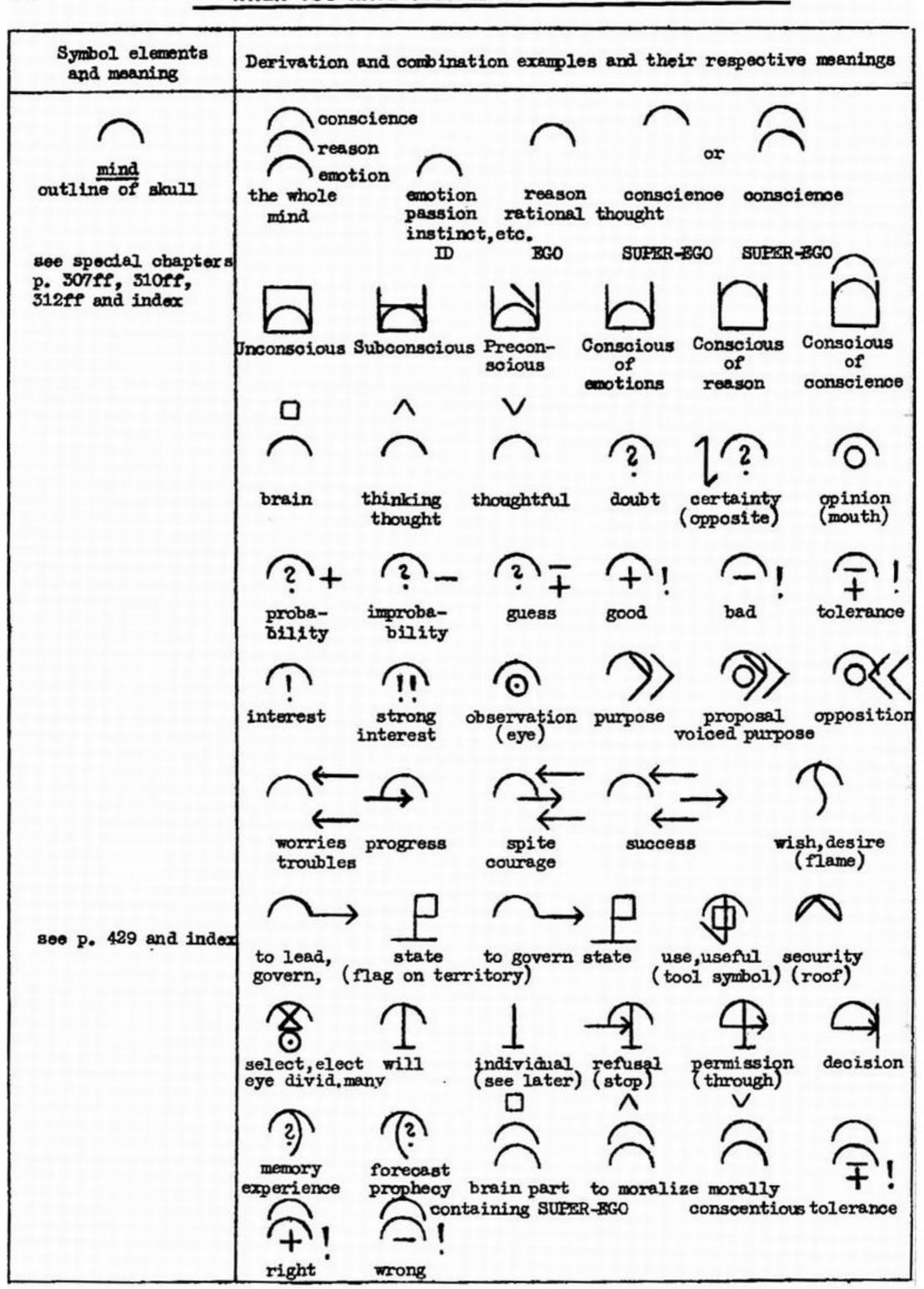
	THESE PAGES CONTAIN A SUMMART OF BETALEB CHAFTERS	
Symbol element and meaning	Derivation and combination examples and their respective meanings (underlined)	
< or >		٠ ﴿
relation, with reference to etc.	of of position at 1st 2nd either or neither ron alternatives (minus symbol	-
	>> << >> ··· ··<	
in the special chapters on page	purpose counter-purpose for against here there	
450 - 458 see also index	cause effect therefore by effect & cause outline of consequently/caused by causation wedge imprint	
S	3S & (2) S LS S [S] S	כ
question mark (known)	question answer what? who? when? where? what (open) (closed) (what man)(what time?)(what place)(what	t?
in the special chapter on page 442 - 446	why? how much? which? So SV SN where to?	
see also index	why? how much? which? how? how? where to? (what cause?) how many? (what part?) (what action) (what quality?)	
→	→ → → →	
(known)	start, begin departure forward approach end, stop	2•
see special chapter on page	from off.away towards to	
224 - 226 see also index	$\rightarrow \leftarrow \Rightarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow \sim$	
	attraction conformity origing mixing	
> pointer	The following arrowhead is used as a pointer to point out details on symbols. Herebelow is an example: details of a mountain.	
to be used in close touch with other symbols		
p. 247 - 250	mountain basis foot slope top precipice	
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opposite meaning p. 245	much little more less most least hate opp.of lov	re







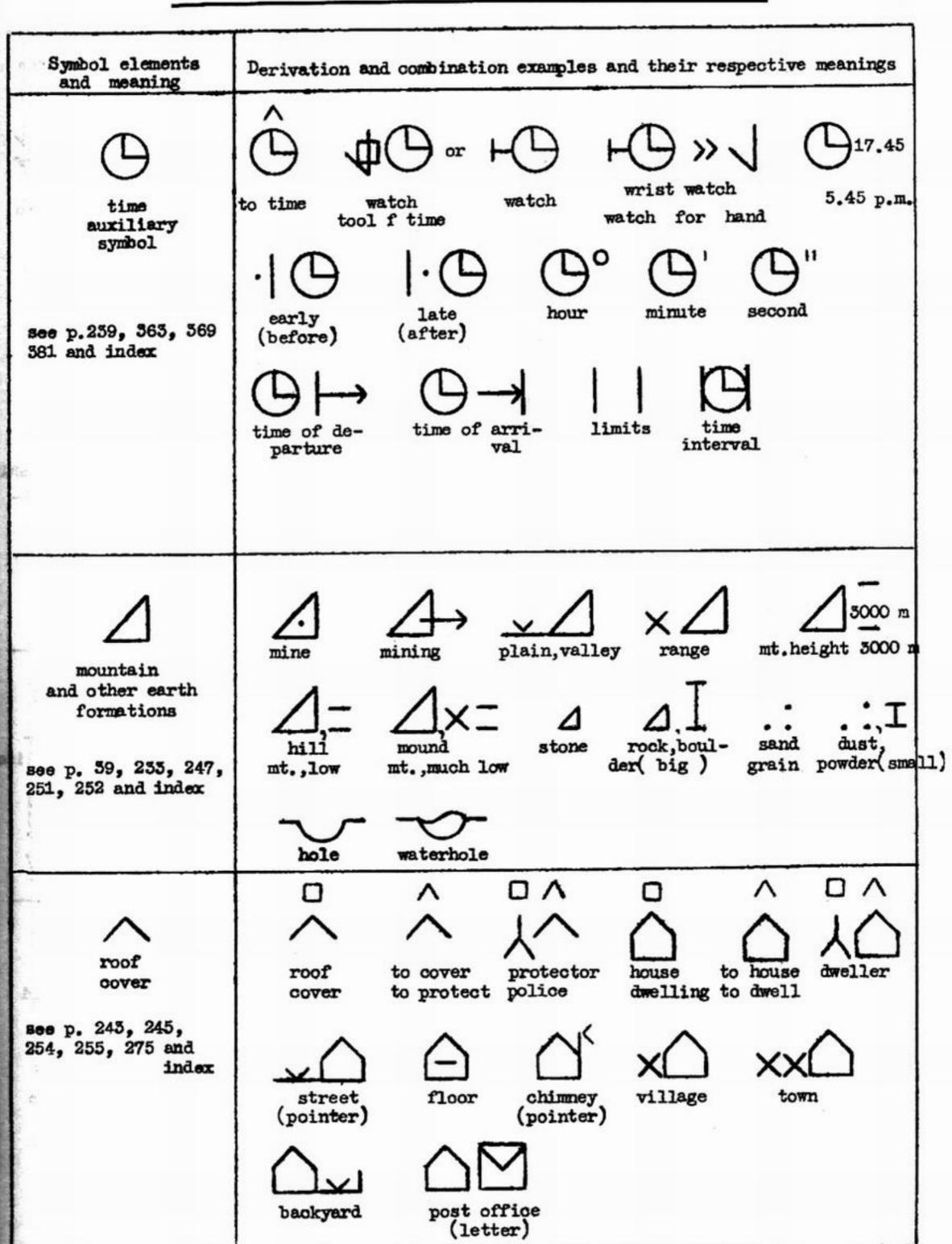
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Symbol elements and meaning	Derivation	and combinat	ion example	s and their	respective	meanings
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ear hearing	ear	W Hoar	ment out.	TISCOII.	(note)	^
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p. 288 and index	news (eye & ear)	page n	ewspaper (m	language outh & ear)	bridge b	ridging lan- ige, translate
also p.560		2	2.	211	2/	
		4	. Z!	2!!	9/7	
	earth (see later)		oud noise	bang, crash	telephone	
	П	^	V			
/	1	1	1	1		7
<u></u>	4	4	_	_		4
nose smell	nose	to smell	olfactory (odor, smell ose & earth)(sky see later)	air
see p. 289 and index						
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mouth speech	mouth	to speak tell, say,	verbal	discussion	n speak	er
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see special chapter p.291ff and index	cry	shout	yell	song (musical not	e)(speech	ting at meeting)
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	admittance yes!(posi	denial tive)(no,ne	speechles gat)(minus	s open a) speech (publicly)	secret privat se	private ecretary
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p. 289 and index	0	0	07	To 7		2
	food (mouth & ear	to eat	taste	breath to	exhale	spitting etc.
	0	^	V			
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hand touch	120104	o vouon		OL-P		
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p.290,291 and index	tool, instrum	ent lifter	musical	electrical	telepher	e apparatus
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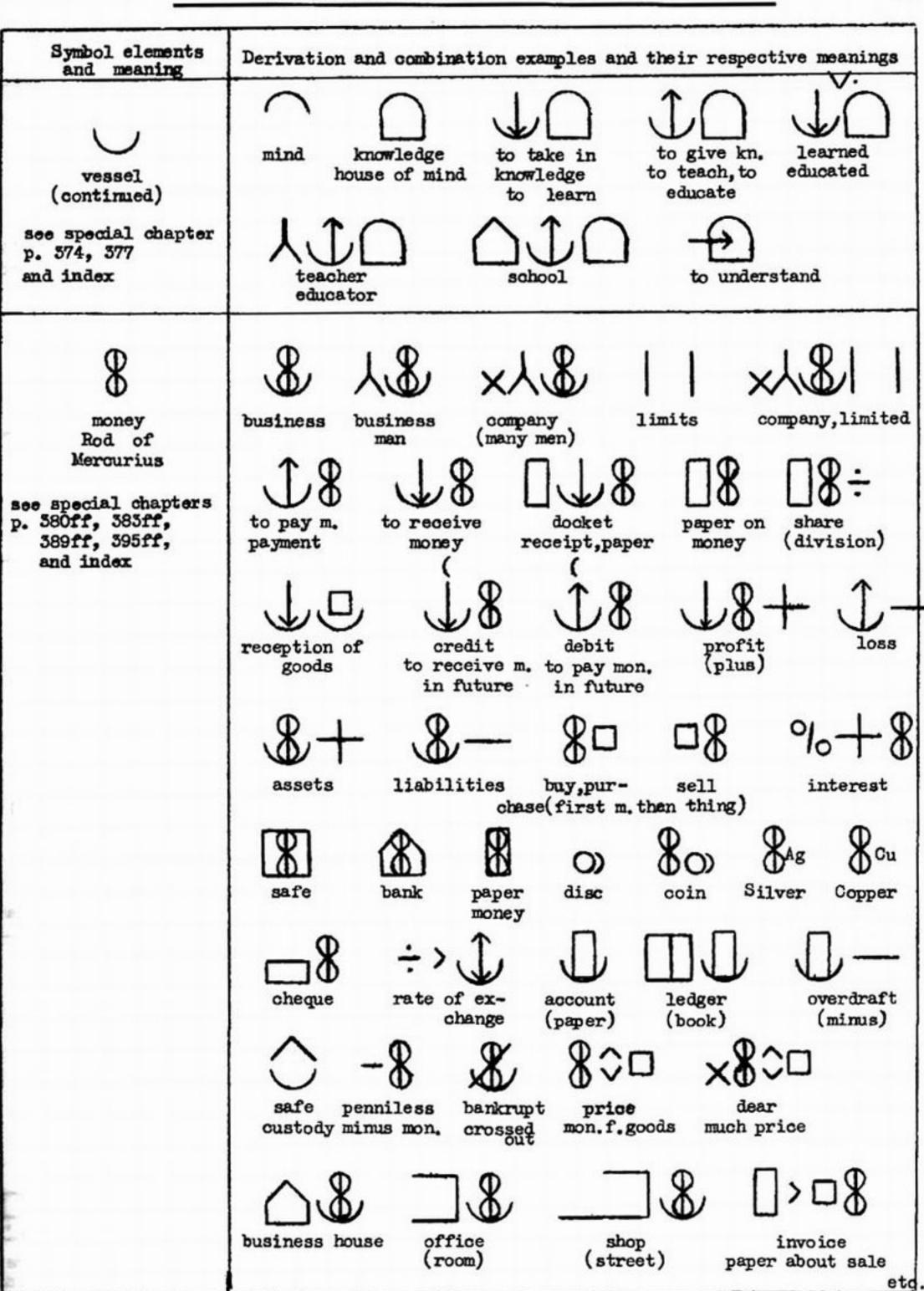
Symbol elements and meaning	Derivation and combination examples and their respective meanings
auxiliary symbol for emotion feeling passion see special chapter p. 505ff and index	heart to feel emotional joy, happiness sadness much joy jubilant ! !!! !!! !!! !!!! !!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!
earth see special chapter p. 252 and index	earth sky world lightning thunder air (nose)
water see p. 232ff and index	writing lines A X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X

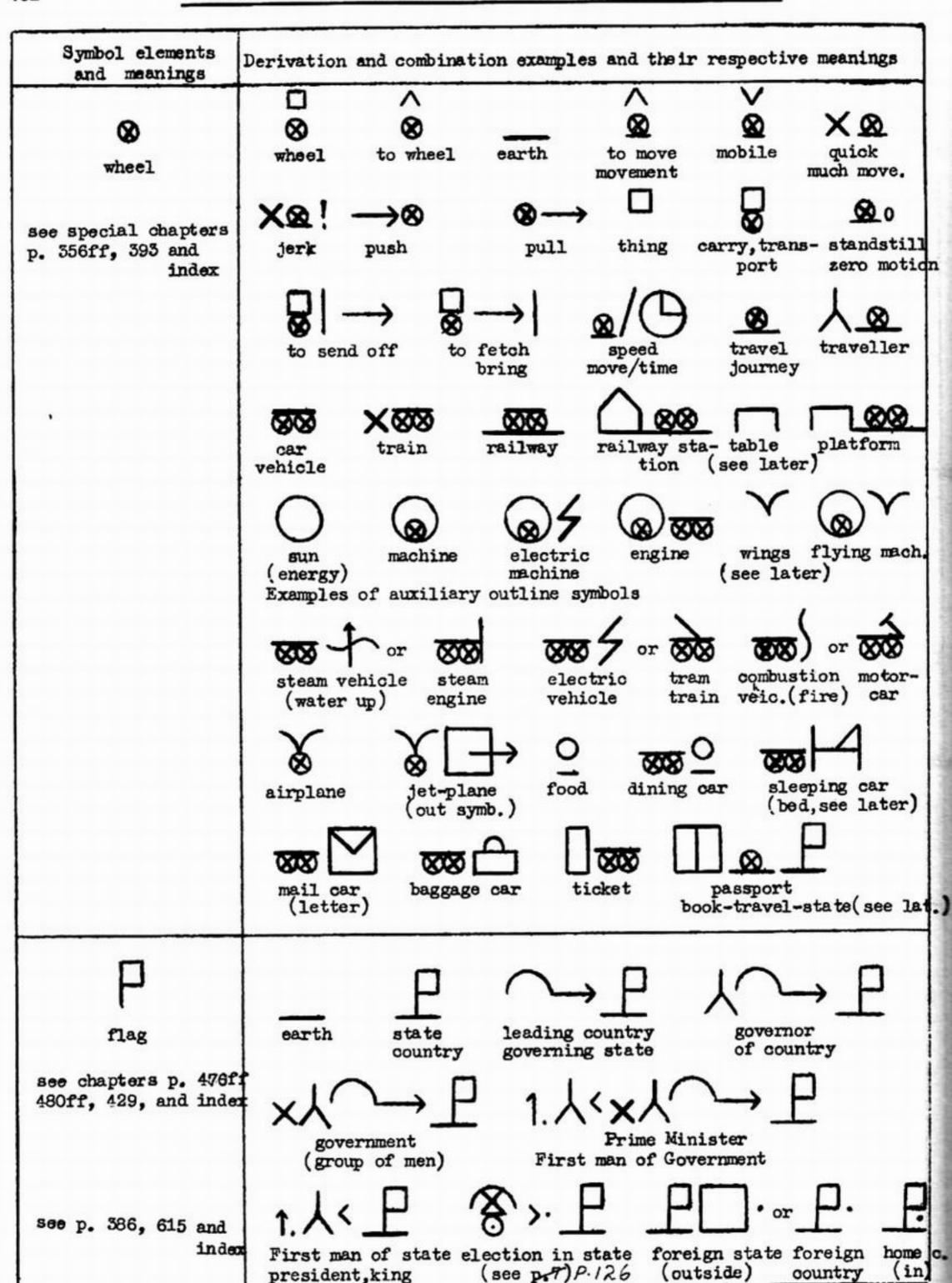
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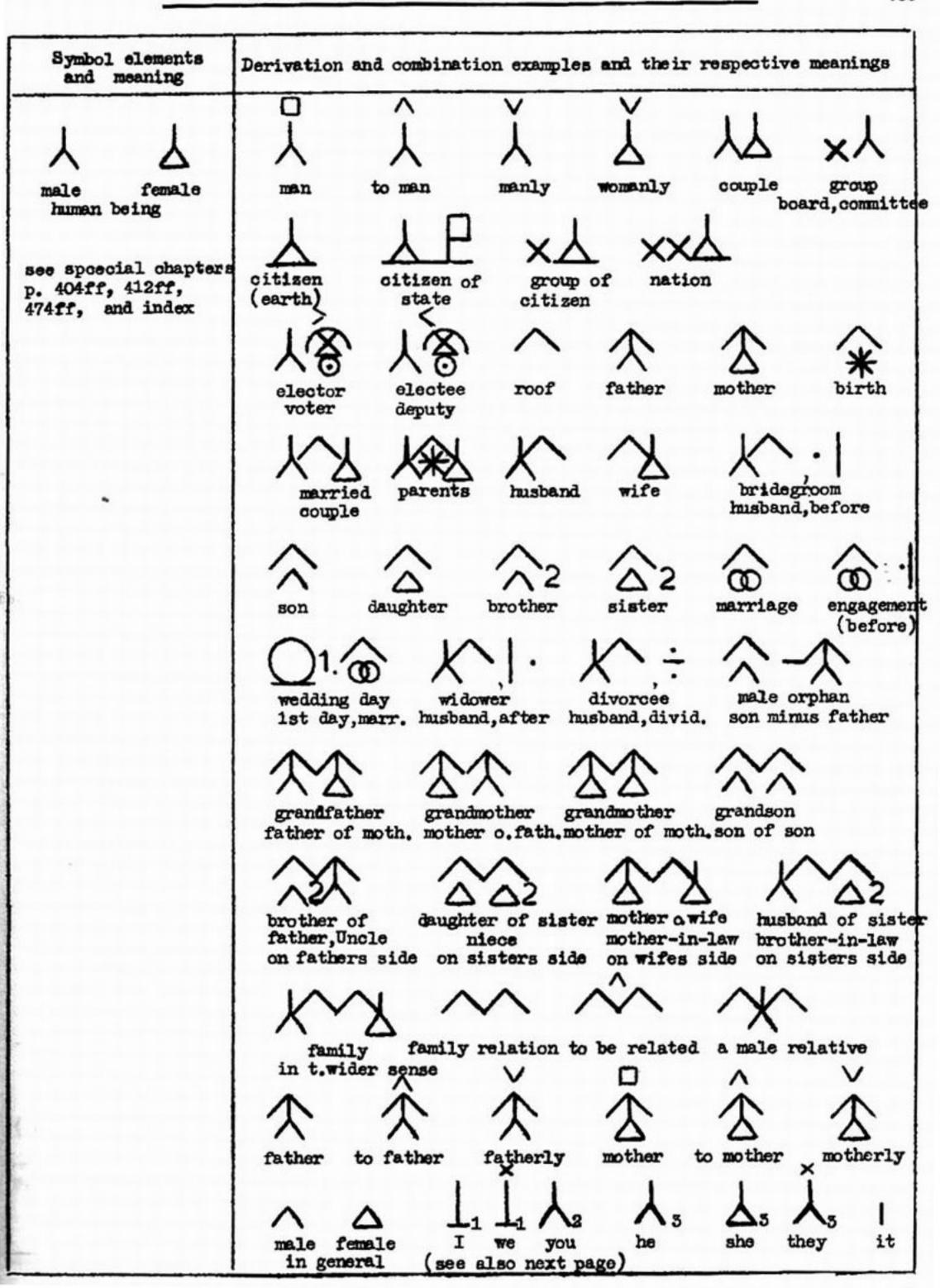
Symbol elements and meanings	Derivation and combination examples and their respective meanings
water (continued)	Train steam snow freezing thawing hail
see special chapter p. 252ff and index also p. 244, 245	river current rivulet cloudburst island (much) (little) (much)
Sun	Sun to sun sunny sunrise morning day
see special chapter p. 237ff and index p. 273ff	1 2 7 7 4 1 4 week spring winter
p. 410, 411 and index	day of joy year individual life lifeless mimus life
p. 285, 411 and inde	O 10 weather change development elec.lig
moon	night moon rise evening month full moon January For international calendar purposes
see special chapter p. 257 and index p. 275	3, 4, 26. Day of September Year 1948
star	* * * 2* starry constellation comet twin star many stars



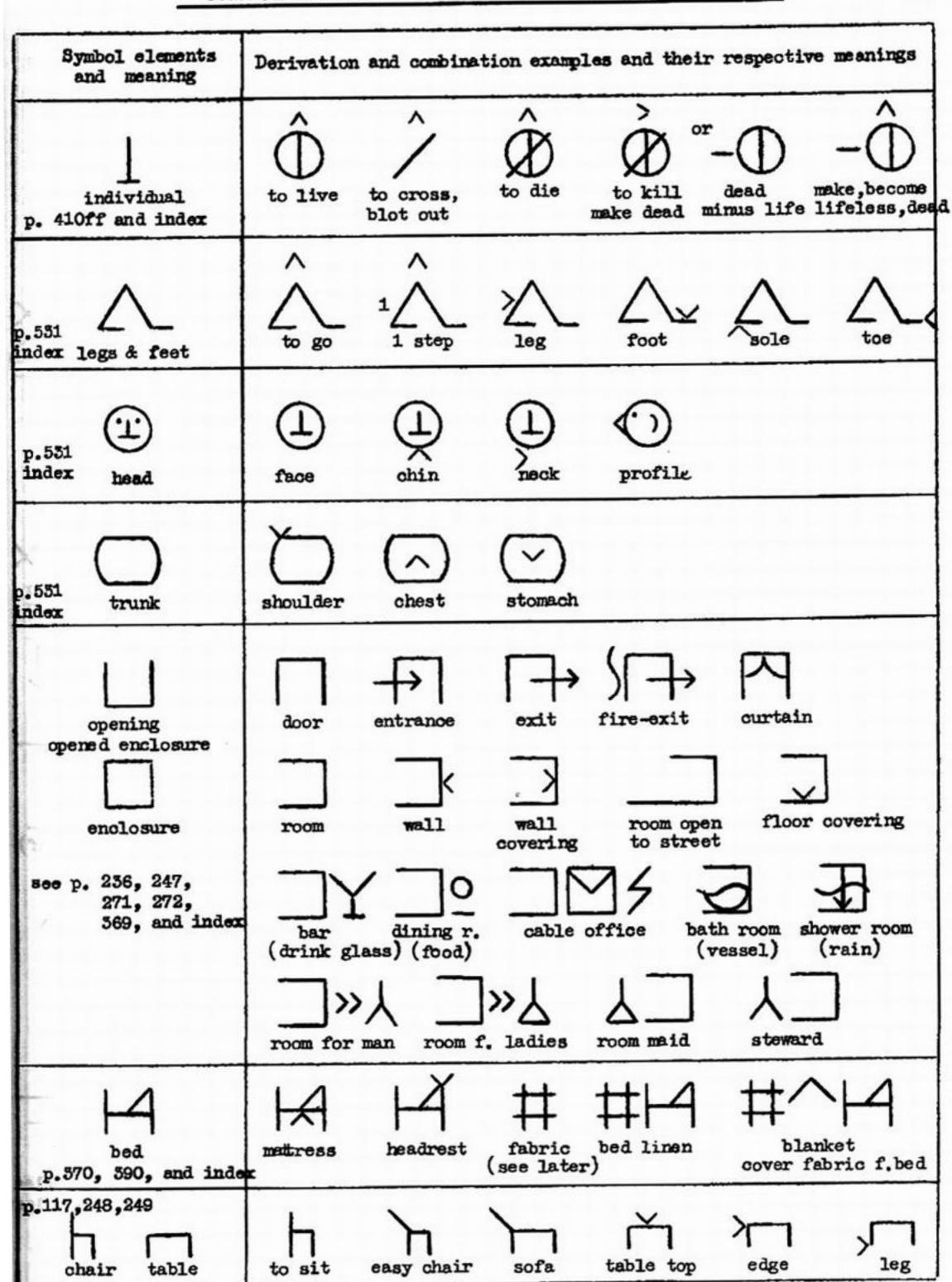
3U <u> </u>	TMBUL SAMPLES FOR FIRE, WRITING, GIVE AND TAKE
Symbol elements and meaning	Derivation and combination examples and their respective meanings
fire see p. 251, 372, 592, 454 and index	to fire to set fire inflam- open fire stove electric to an object mable (active) (adjective)
to cross out to blot out p. 106 and index	to cross flame(part) out fire(extinguish)
writing p. 360, 361	pen to pen fountain ink pen ink writer pencil to write pen (pointer) (liquid)
paper page	O \ \O \ O \ O \ O \ O \ O \ O \ O \ O
see p. 360, 361 and index	book chapter paragraph cover of to repeat copy (part) (part) book duplicate
vessel	hold to hold capacious Capacity hand grip, hold vessel, bowl
see sp. chapters p. 364ff, 380ff and index	to take in, to give out to exch- for goods store house receive, get, offer, let go ange (in exchange for)
	to lend, let, to borrow, hire hold f. books bath loan, lease, etc. rent, take a loan (water) (time interval)





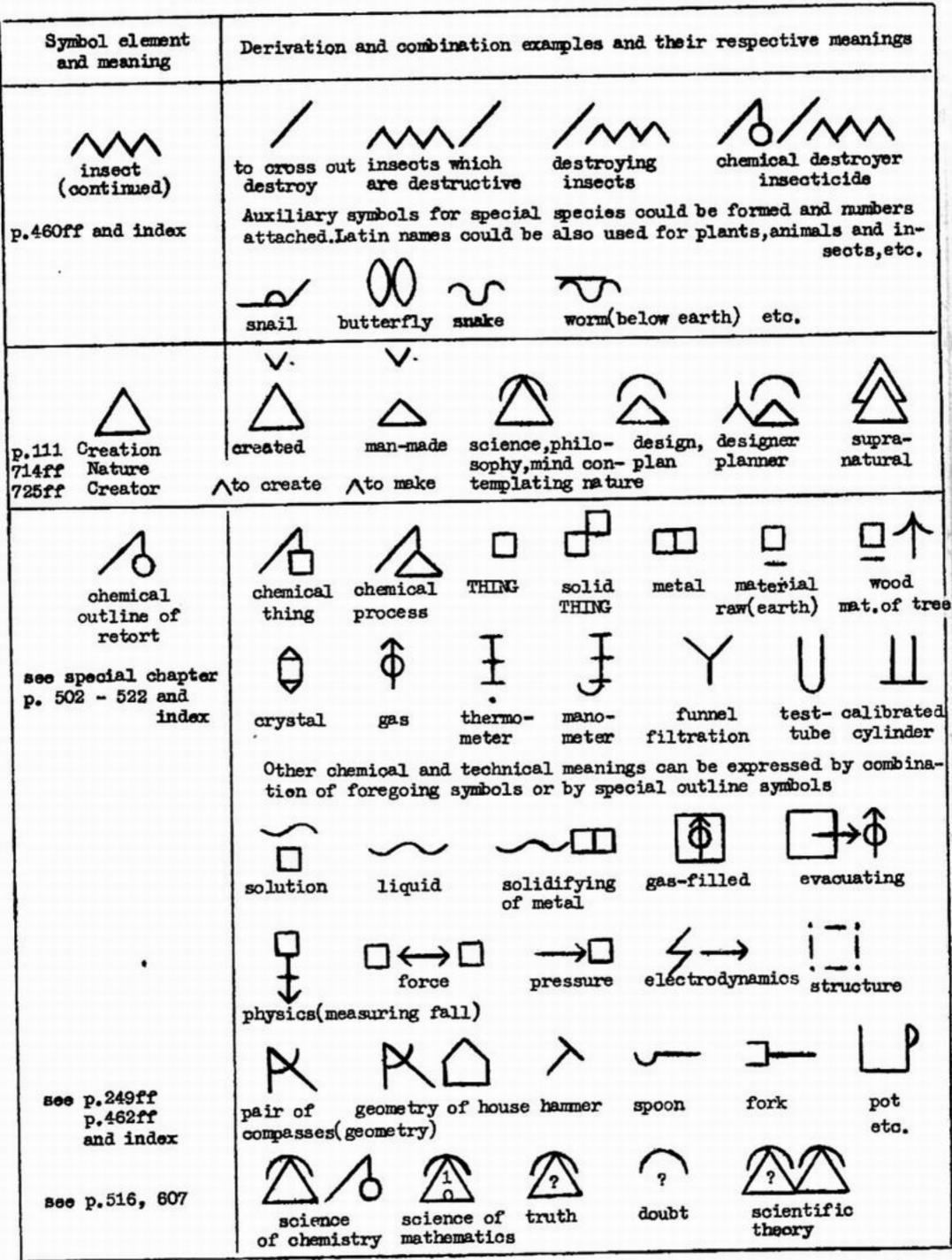


Symbol elements and meanings	Derivation	n and comb	ination examp	ples and the	ir respecti	ve meanings
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individual	ı ·	you	he	she 🗸	(plural)	they
p. 404ff, 532, p. 685ff and index	standing person	to stand	weak person (knees bent		sitter	to sit
	^	^	<u>~</u>	~	1~	12
	leaning	lying (buried below ground	sick (knees draw		normal, not w
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	arm pointers:	strong	to make, become strong	to force g (active)	by power of	to be fore
	back	front	buttock	genital	elbow	upper arm
	0	^	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	\ / /	0	^
	needy individual (falling,i	to need n need of	needy necessary support)	Need adjec.noun	helper (being a s	to help support)
	feeling of need	Z rationl thought	conscience thought of		mutual help	
	necessity	necessity	necessity	Λ Φ to be, exis	O t inanim.	to be
		to be, exist		inanimated		in mind
	may be might be	may be might be	flower small (see later)		grown- (old opposite)



136 SYM	BOL SAMPLES FOR LAW, WAR, AND PEACEFUL THINGS
Symbol elements and meanings	Derivation and combination examples and their respective meanings
p.117 box index container	wardrobe chest of single dra- shelf drawers wer(part)
p. 359, Hardow index	prison window prison
sword, knife	sword, knife to cut the cut attack to invade
p.418ff index	defense war victory defeat soldier fight (plus) (minus) fighter
p.366 \(\sum_{514,515} \) scales index balance	to weigh to judge Judge bill, law decimal heavy (book)
fabric 70000	to make to weave table cloth carpet cover(roof) make fabric make fabric
see chapter p.390ff and index	中 サット 中 マンハ サンハ マント clothes for cloth, f. young for babies against rain
	↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑
Plant	flower garden grass meadow grain field vegetables Numbers accord, a list specifies different species. consist.o.leave
see chapter p. 455ff	fruit berry vegetable vegetable roots mushroom fruit above, below ground

Symbol elements and meaning	Derivation and combination examples and their respective meanings
plant see p. 154, 554, index	growth indivi- speech metaphor wing poetical metaphor dual figure of speech flowery speech
tree 244,274,and index	↑ ↑ ↑ ★ ↑ ↑ other tree ↑ ↑ species denoted trunk branch forest shrub pine by other mumbers (list)
X	wings to fly wing feather domestic bird
bird see special chapter o. 453 and index	wings to fly wing feather (part) water bird No.1 = fowl Cana Cana Cana Cana Cana Cana Cana Cana Cana Cana Cana Cana Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Canada Ca
fish see p. 454, and index	Canada to denote the species fish of ocean fish of river in Canada found in Canadian rivers. fish, cooked fish, baked fish, grilled
animal quadruped see p. 459ff and inde	animal animal animal of house animal of forest domesticated (numbers to be added). For informations to farmers special auxiliary symbols could be drawn up, as for instance:
	(1) horse (1) cattle (1) dog cattle, male minus male(s (2) mule (2) sheep (2) cat bull ox (castrat (3) ass (5) goat
^^^	A A A A



A number of these 70 symbol elements shown in the foregoing 19 pages can be reduced to a combination of more basic symbols. This is demonstrated in the pages 462 - 465.

However, it is often more convenient to devise a simple auxiliary outline symbol instead of a combination of basic symbols.

Most words of all languages could be classified as belonging to one or two or all of the three classes, which we have symbolized as follows



Examples: a stone is a chemical THING; it's fall a physical ACTION. However the meaning of nioc and will are human EVALUATIONS. A plumber is a THING, which perform the ACTION of plumbing. However, to feel, to think, to conclude refer to ACTIONS of our brain cells and human EVALUATIONS.

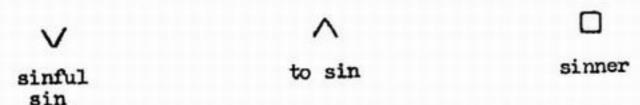
This classification tallies with our knowledge of the world around us, in which chemical THINGS perform physical ACTIONS in SPACE and TIME. Man, with his brain and his language occupies a unique position in this world and these activities of Man, we have termed human EVALUATION. Mathematical numbers and operations are a group apart.

Man has learned to change the meaning of one word with reference to these 3 classes.



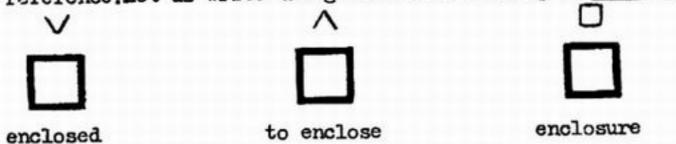
The meaning of man refers to a distinct chemical and biological entity in our world, a The meaning of manning a ship, a gun, a factory refers to the physical ACTIONS which men perform when handling a ship, a gun, a factory. The meaning of manly or (as it was formerly said) man-like is a human EVALUATION, different in different minds. It may mean anything good or bad, just as womanly. It is a vague meaning, and we must refer to distinct THINGS and ACTIONS if we want to clear up what you or I mean by this. In any case, this wordcomes from the original ohemical THING man.

Now let us start with a human EVALUATION sinful, and its adjectival noun sin.



The original word is simil, sin from which we derive the words for ACTION and ThING. But now, the vague human EVALUATION is extended to the ACTION and the THING. Men differed throughout the ages about siming and who is a sinner. Ultimately, the human EVALUATION of good and bad is bound up with these meanings, and this is expressed in the symbols which we will learn in later chapters.

Now let us start from a meaning referring to SPACE. From modern physics we know that any meaning in SPACE must be relative, and to clear up what we mean, we must refer to a system of reference. Let us write the geometrical meaning of enclosed.



Now it may not become apparent at first sight, that the original meaning is vague. But an enclosure does not indicate a <u>definite</u> chemical entity of our world. Any THING could be an enclosure or could be not, depending on the system of reference. In fence can be termed an enclosure with reference to cattle, but it may be wide open with reference to rabbits. If we use a rabbit-proof fence, it will still be wide open with reference to ants. Even a hermetically sealed metal box may be wide open with reference to Helium muclei, neutrons, X rays and ultra waves. The meaning "enclosed" depends on an EVALUATION.

Now, this relativity of spatial meanings is a far cry from the modern theory of relativity (of which you find an account in the chapter The Relativity of Space on page 144) On the other the discoveries of the great scientists in the fields of astronomy, biology, etc.etc.have invariably helped to clear up our muddled thinking in regard to these fields